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KARACHI MAR 30TH REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO

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SUBJECT: KARACHI SIDESHOW

1. THE PNA DEMONSTRATION TO PROTEST CONVENING OF THE
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY TURNED VIOLENT ABOUT MID-DAY. THE
POLICE AND THE ARMY HAD BLOCKED ALL ROADS LEADING TO THE
SIND ASSEMBLY BUILDING FROM EARLY MORNING BUT A CROWD
OF SEVERAL HUNDRED PERSONS GATHERED ON NEARBY STREETS,
ERECTED BARRICADES TO TRAFFIC, BURNED A PPP OFFICE AND
A SUZUKI, AND FINALLY THREW STONES AND TRIED TO REACH THE
ASSEMBLY BUILDING. THE POLICE RESPONDED WITH TEARGAS
AND LATHI CHARGES. WE CANNOT CONFIRM RUMORS OF GUN-
FIRE, HOWEVER.

2. MEANWHILE A PROCESSION OF SEVERAL HUNDRED WOMEN
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MARCHED ON THE ASSEMBLY BUILDING. THEY WERE BLOCKED
BY THE POLICE. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THEIR
REFUSAL TO DISPERSE WAS ALSO MET BY TEARGAS BUT WE
CANNOT SUBSTANTIATE THIS REPORT.

3. FINALLY, THE EXPECTED BAR ASSOCIATION PROCESSION
STARTED UP BUNDER ROAD WITH THE APPARENT GOAL OF THE

ASSEMBLY BUILDING. THE MARCHERS NUMBERED 300 - 500.
SO FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE AT THIS HOUR THE LAWYERS
AVOIDED A PHYSICAL CLASH WITH THE POLICE. HOWEVER,
SKIRMISHING IS STILL GOING ON IN THE AREA OF THE
ASSEMBLY BUILDING AND IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ASSESS
THE EVENTS OF THE DAY ACCURATELY UNTIL LATER.

4. ALTHOUGH ARMY TROOPS HAVE BEEN PRESENT IN THE
AREA THROUGHOUT THE DAY THEY APPEAR NOT TO HAVE BEEN
INVOLVED IN ENFORCEMENT MEASURES UP TO NOW.
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